

WRITE TO GET PAGE'S WIFE OUT.

STATE OF AFFIDAVIT THAT SHE IS NOT A DRUNKARD.

she was committed 8 days ago at her husband's instance, and friends who say she is not a drunkard.

A writ of habeas corpus for the release from a sanatorium of Mrs. Jeanie France Page, wife of Henry W. A. Page, a cotton merchant, was asked for yesterday by W. H. R. O'Leary, who submitted a sheet of affidavits to Justice Sutherland.

A week ago yesterday, an affidavit submitted by Mr. Page and the certificates of Dr. Edward Livingston Hunt and Frederick Peterson, Justice Leventritt issued an order committing Mrs. Page to St. Vincent's sanatorium at Inwood. The affidavits and certificates declared that Mrs. Page was an habitual drunkard and addicted to drugs. On the representations contained in the affidavits, to the effect that Mrs. Page was in no condition to be released with legal papers, Justice Leventritt expressly inserted in the commitment a clause waiving the service of papers on her. Mrs. Page was then taken off to the sanatorium by her husband. After reading the affidavits presented by Mr. O'Leary yesterday, Justice Sutherland said that he would look into Mrs. Page's case again and granted a writ calling for her production in court on Monday morning.

In his affidavit ex-Judge O'Leary declares that Mrs. Page is personally known to him and that he does not believe her to be intemperate or a drug fiend. He has never observed, he says, during his acquaintance with her any indications of such habits. He adds that he believes that Mr. Page, by deceitful and false representations to the court, procured the commitment of Mrs. Page to St. Vincent's for the sole purpose of getting rid of her.

William H. Bennett, a nephew of Mrs. Page, says in his affidavit that he was for some time employed by Mr. Page, but was unable to stay because of Page's ungovernable temper. He avers that he never observed any signs of intoxication in his aunt, but did notice that she was frequently made hysterical by her husband's conduct.

The principal affidavit is that of Mrs. William R. Leonard of 255 West Ninety-seventh street. She says that she first met Mrs. Page at the Montclair golf links some years ago, and that after a while they became close friends.

Mrs. Page, says Mrs. Leonard, was a most dutiful and affectionate mother to her three young children, who have been taken from her, now that she is in the sanatorium. She never drank intoxicants or took drugs in Mrs. Leonard's presence, and it was a great surprise, Mrs. Leonard says, when Mr. Page informed her that his wife was a liquor and drug fiend. She did not believe it, she says, at first. At the same time she says, Mrs. Page protested against such a charge and declared that it was absolutely untrue.

Mrs. Page spent the summer of 1905 with Mrs. Leonard at Belmar, N. J., until September, when Mr. Page sent her to England to live with relatives there. At that time, Mrs. Leonard says, Mr. Page told her that his wife was insane, and that he intended to get her out of England.

Two weeks ago, according to Mrs. Leonard, and then returned with her children, penniless, to find her husband. He was at the Buckingham, and she went there, as she afterward told Mrs. Leonard, but he refused to have anything to do with her and raised such a scene that the hotel authorities told her to leave. Mrs. Page was sent out also with her children, one of them in arms, and, according to the story related by Mrs. Leonard, she followed Page until she lost sight of him. Then she appealed to Mrs. Leonard for help, as she was without a dollar.

The day before her commitment Mrs. Page told Mrs. Leonard that she had had another scene with her husband, who had threatened to have her committed as insane. Mrs. Leonard heard no more until she learned that Mrs. Page had been taken to St. Vincent's on an order of the court. She visited Mrs. Page there and was told by the young married woman (Mrs. Page is only 30) that she had been lured to the sanatorium by her husband on the pretext that he was going to find a nice home for her where they could forget their past troubles and live happily henceforth.

Mrs. G. Naanes, a nurse, says that she occupied a room next to Mrs. Page's at 312 West Twenty-third street for the few days previous to her commitment. She says that on April 18 she heard a violent discussion between Mrs. Page and her husband, in which the latter accused his wife of having returned to disgrace him. She replied, Miss Naanes says, that she had returned, as she could not live in England without money. "What other home have I than yours?" Mrs. Page asked.

Miss Naanes says that she formed the belief from some remarks dropped by Page that he intended to take possession of the three children. In connection with this, she says, she told him that she had returned, and he replied: "If you don't help me and be a witness I'll choke you."

The nurse says that during the few days she knew her she had never observed any signs of intoxication or drugging of other affluents.

Other affidavits to the effect that Mrs. Page's conduct as a woman and a mother is exemplary and that she is anything but a drunkard were made by Corinne L. Merrill, wife of Frank Merrill; Mary Kiddie of Montclair and Mr. and Mrs. William A. Deering of 263 Central Park West.

In his affidavit on the application for the commitment Page declared that his wife was a morphine and whiskey fiend and had repeatedly threatened to take her own and the children's lives. He was once, he says, obliged to take a revolver from her to protect himself. At Montclair, he said, Dr. John S. Brown and Dr. Irving A. Meeker examined her and treated her for intoxication.

Mr. O'Leary said yesterday that he had seen all the doctors except Brown, whom he could not find. Drs. Hunt and Peterson, he says, told him that they had seen Mrs. Page only once before making their certificates. Dr. Meeker told him over the telephone that he had never treated Mrs. Page for intoxication but had attended her once when she was suffering from the effects of an accidental overdose of cocaine. Dr. Meeker told Mr. O'Leary that he had never seen Mrs. Page under the influence of liquor.

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THIRY A FATHER AT 81 YEARS.

Has Now Had Three Children Since He Was 80 Years of Age.

"No race suicide for me," said School Commissioner John H. Thiry of Long Island City yesterday, and then he communicated the fact that a lusty boy had made his appearance in the Thiry household, 181 Academy street, early in the morning.

Commissioner Thiry is 84 years old and has been a father three times since he passed his eightieth milestone.

"And yet it has been said that men of 60 should be ostracized," said Commissioner Thiry.

He was celebrating his eightieth birthday four years ago when Henrietta made her first appearance in this world, and two years later Francis was born.

"I'm a young man yet," said the Commissioner, who carries his 84 years in a remarkable way. "By the time I grow old I want to have several children around to brighten my declining years."

Mrs. Thiry became the Commissioner's wife nine years ago. She is now 39 years old, and the young fellow who made his first appearance yesterday morning is her third child. Before her marriage she was Miss Margaret O'Connor. Commissioner Thiry has been married twice and several of his children are double the age of his present wife.

Mr. Thiry was born in Belgium, and fifty years ago he was told by his physician that he was dying of consumption. He then decided on a sea trip and came to this country. He landed in New York City, where he established a book business and afterward became wealthy. After a time he forgot all about his illness. Years ago he retired and moved to Long Island City, where he owns a number of houses. His own house, the one in which he lives, is covered with grapevines, and it is his special delight to manufacture their product into wine. He has been School Commissioner for many years and only recently was reappointed by Borough President Berman. He is the father of the school savingsbank system in Long Island City. He thinks there is nothing more valuable in the world than to teach children early lessons of thrift.

All day yesterday he was receiving the congratulations of his friends. School children who know him well presented him with flowers. He was without doubt the happiest man on Long Island.

T. F. SMITH FOR CONGRESS.

In Hearst's Place Is the Report—Mr. Hearst Announces the 4th of July.

William R. Hearst, according to report, is not to be renominated for Congress in the Eleventh district. Thomas F. Smith, secretary of Tammany, may be nominated to succeed Mr. Hearst. The district is Democratic by a good majority.

Mr. Hearst has been a member of the Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Congresses, his last plurality being 9,661.

Mr. Hearst's friends said again yesterday that he is to convene on July 4, either in New York City or Syracuse, to nominate himself as an independent candidate for Governor. They say he will become a candidate if he will not be taken up by the regular Democratic State convention, and the inside information indicates that the regulars will nominate either Mayor Adam of Buffalo, ex-Judge D-Cady Herrick of Albany, who made the race in 1904, or District Attorney Jerome of New York City. In a three cornered fight for Governor the conservative Democrats expect to win with their man and expect that the Republican candidate will come second and Hearst last in the race.

Cord Meyer, chairman of the Democratic State committee, is to call the committee together on or about May 15 and resign as chairman, and ex-Representative Francis Burton Harrison is to be elected in his place. The conservative Democrats have been subsidizing the State for weeks past, and it was their testimony yesterday that if Hearst is eating into any vote it is the Republican vote. The evidence was, it was added, that the Republicans are pretty well tired of the manoeuvring of Chairman Odell and looking to his retirement as State chairman.

HOTEL MANHATTAN ALARM.

Chimney Fire Causes More Excitement Outside Than Among Guests.

Some one saw smoke coming from the roof of the Hotel Manhattan at Madison avenue and Forty-second street shortly after three o'clock yesterday afternoon and sent in an alarm from the box at Madison avenue and Forty-fifth street. The arrival of the fire apparatus attracted a big crowd and stirred up considerable excitement. The presence of mind of the hotel employees prevented any panic among the guests. But few of those within the hotel knew of the fire.

Smoke filled the rooms of the Transatlantic on the top floor and a little got below. This caused a few women to rush for the elevator, but they were reassured and returned to their rooms. The Elmhurst College Club was holding a luncheon on the floor above the office. The noise of three engines in the street interfered with the speeches, but there was no other trouble.

The fire was a "chimney fire." It was over in a few minutes and there was no damage.

\$10,000,000 FOR STANFORD.

Well Known Student Says the University Is to Receive a Great Gift.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., April 28.—Stanford University is to be rebuilt on a grander scale than before. A multi-millionaire—his name is known, but not made public for some time—will give \$10,000,000 to the university.

These were the words of P. P. Bittner, a student of Stanford University, who passed through this city today to his home in Albuquerque, N. M. Mr. Bittner is editor in chief of the Daily Palo Alto, the student body publication. He has been in close touch with President David Starr Jordan throughout the last ten days.

"It is sickening to look upon those buildings and see them in their wrecked condition," he said. "The news that the university is to be rebuilt and that some independent person has promised to give \$10,000,000 to the institution has raised our spirits sky high."

With Mr. Bittner were many other Stanford students whose homes are in the East. All left return when the university opens.

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FRANCE LOOKS TO TROUBLE.

SUSPECTS MAY DAY ATTACKS BY ENEMIES OF THE REPUBLIC.

Exodus From Paris by Those Who Expect an Outbreak—Government's Weakness Has Allowed the Situation to Reach a Very Serious Point of Anarchy.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, April 28.—It would be easy to take a pessimistic view of the outlook of this disturbed country. The forces of disorder are marshalling themselves in greater numbers than ever before under this republic and they are threatening unspeakable things.

At last, however, the emergency has been met in the only possible way. The vaccination and dilatoriness which were largely responsible for the crisis have given place to firmness, and law and authority are to be adequately defended.

There can be but one result of the threatened uprising if this policy is vigorously executed. It may require one or two sharp lessons here and there to convince the unruly portion of the community of the utility of their defiance of the law, but the danger of a general outbreak in Paris, at all events, is disappearing for the present. The troops in the capital now outnumber the strikers, and the hopelessness of any attack by an unarmed mob is obvious to the meanest intelligence.

It is true that a reaction is prevailing among the general inhabitants, and the exodus from the city is greater than during any similar emergency in recent times. This is due largely to the first weakness displayed by the Government in allowing the situation in the north to reach the point of anarchy before bringing repressive measures to bear. Such danger as exists here and there in the next few days as when the present extraordinary precautions are relaxed.

It is impossible to estimate the extent to which the strike has spread. It has not as yet involved trades directly affecting the daily life of the people. The food supplies are not threatened, although the hotels, many housekeepers and even embassies are in large supply. There is no sign of trouble among the railway or telegraph employees. Many manufacturing and constructive trades are idle, but the total number of workers who are out hardly exceeds 40,000 in Paris. There will probably be largely augmented by next Tuesday.

Many employees, however, will demonstrate their sympathy with the movement merely by stopping work at the end of eight hours each day.

It would be unfair to describe the plot against the republic which the Government announces it has discovered as a mere plot, but it should not be taken too seriously. Every effort was made to-day by labor unions and opponents of the Government to ridicule the reported plot, and with some success.

It is pointed out that it is absurd to say that the clericals and monarchists are conspiring with the Socialists to destroy the republic. There is some truth probably in the allegation that the extreme clericals and some royalists are doing all possible to encourage the strikers, but that a definite conspiracy exists between these classes is hardly credible.

Attention is so concentrated on the immediate disturbances that there is little attention paid by the general public to the effect of the daily developments upon the election of May 6. It is too soon to form any estimate of the result of the electoral contest. Reports from some sections of the provinces are more disquieting than the outlook in Paris. Violence is more likely to occur there in the next two or three days than in the capital itself. The military preparations in the provincial cities are not so complete as here and sharp emergencies are feared in unexpected quarters.

An attempt was made this morning to destroy the railway bridge across the Seine at Argenteuil, four miles from Paris. The bridge was damaged but not destroyed.

A thousand strikers tried to make a demonstration on the boulevards to-day. They were promptly dispersed by the police. Every precaution has been taken against disorder, but the public mind is highly strung, and numbers of people are leaving Paris, fearing that they will be troubled on May Day.

Minister of the Interior, Clémenceau ordered the copies of *La Vie Illustrée* seized at the station of the Northern Railway to-day on their arrival from Brussels, where the edition had been printed, owing to the printers' strike in Paris. The seizure was made because the paper occasionally represented by means of faked photographs the advent of the collectivists to power.

On the Rue de la Paix to-day a procession of 200 strikers, singing the "Internationale" and headed by a woman carrying a red flag, bound with crapes, was dispersed by the police.

The attempt to blow up the railway bridge across the Seine at Argenteuil, four miles from Paris, this morning, is ascribed to anarchists. A large hole was blown in the structure, but the rails were not damaged. All the windows in the neighborhood were broken. The report was heard for a distance of five miles. In consequence of the attempt soldiers are guarding all bridges and tunnels. Three minutes before the explosion a train crowded with emigrants crossed the bridge. Preparations for a strike on May 1 are proceeding at Lyons, Marseilles and Chambery. It is expected that 20,000 men will quit work in Lyons.

CHICAGO TO LOSE 500 SALOONS.

City Collector Thinks That Number Will Fall to 1,000 License.

CHICAGO, April 28.—City Collector Traeger estimates the falling off in the number of saloon licenses at 500 with the first period of the \$1,000 a year fee law opens next Tuesday.

"The saloon keepers figure that May to November includes the hot weather months, and that they will make money," said the City Collector to-day. "I think the number will be decreased about 500 by the time the second period licenses are required. I have made inquiries and have heard many complaints from saloon keepers. But in almost every instance the hardest kickers have expressed their intention of continuing in business."

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TO REDUCE CANAL COMMISSION

From Seven to Three and Chop the Chairman's Salary in Half.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The Senate Committee on Intercommerce Canals devoted two hours to-day in an effort to reach an agreement on the character of legislation for Panama. No conclusion was reached, but the majority of the committee appears to be in favor of reducing the number of commissioners from seven to three and reducing salaries materially. If the plan prevails the present commission will be abolished entirely, which will eliminate J. B. Bishop, and the President will be authorized to name a new commission of three members.

Should the committee decide that all the commissioners must reside in the Canal Zone, it would probably mean the retirement of T. P. Shonts, chairman of the present commission, for he has said repeatedly that he would not reside in the Zone and would resign his office if it became necessary in the discharge of his duties for him to live on the Isthmus. It may be arranged to have the general executive office in the United States, which would render it possible for Chairman Shonts to continue at the head of the new commission. The committee hopes to reach a conclusion and report on legislation next week.

Senator Morgan of Alabama said that he had not asked Senator Bailey to go on the committee to succeed Senator Gorman, whose ill health prevents his attendance. Senator Foster of Louisiana may take the place.

It is likely that William Nelson Cromwell's connection with the Panama Railroad Company as counsel will cease, as members of the committee believe all legal matters should be under the direction of the Attorney-General and such special appointment as he may find it necessary to appoint.

Another proposal in the line of curtailing official authority is to require Gov. Magoon to give up the dual role of Governor of the Canal Zone and canal commissioner. A majority of the committee believe the offices should be distinct.

Salaries will be cut unparalelly. It is proposed to chop the salary of the chairman of the commission in half. It is now \$13,000.

WOMAN WEDGED UNDER TRAIN.

Waved Good-By to Man From Elevated Platform and Jumped on Track.

A young woman about 27 years old, wearing clothes of good quality, threw herself on the tracks of the Third Avenue elevated railway directly in the path of a north-bound train as it approached the Eighteenth street station last night. She was killed instantly.

The woman went to the station with a young man, who left her after buying her tickets. She watched him go down the stairs and then leaned over the railing of the platform to wave a last good-by.

As she turned away a northbound train was approaching. Without hesitation she jumped directly in front of the motor.

The first car passed over her, but she was caught under the front truck of the second one.

Several women passengers who witnessed the accident fainted and Esther Quinn, a trained nurse, of 450 Forty-eighth street, tried to go to the aid of the woman under the car. She was unable to reach her.

Truck No. 3 was called to assist in the removal of the body. Dr. White of Bellevue Hospital said that the girl had been instantly killed.

The body was extricated in about half an hour, wrapped in a tarpaulin and carried to the East Twenty-second street police station.

The ticket chopper said that the man bought two tickets and dropped them in the box, then turned suddenly and left the woman.

FORGED WM. M. IVINS'S NAME.

Former Valet Arrested on Complaint of Oriental Bank—Played the Races.

Detectives from Police Headquarters arrested last night Alfred Elliott, formerly valet and personal attendant of William M. Ivins, on a charge of forgery. The Oriental Bank, Broadway and John street, is the complainant.

The officers of the bank charge Elliott with having forged Mr. Ivins's name to two checks, one for \$75 and the other for \$25. The checks were presented by Elliott at the bank several days ago. The cashier was suspicious and refused to cash them. Later he called up Mr. Ivins in regard to the checks.

Mr. Ivins said last night that Elliott had been in his employ from last fall until about a week ago. Mr. Ivins used to send him to the bank with checks frequently. About a week ago some papers disappeared from Mr. Ivins's office and a little later Elliott left.

The police say that Elliott has checks cashed with Mr. Ivins's signature on them amounting to \$400. They say Elliott used the money in playing the races. He was arrested at his home, 600 East 150th street. He has a wife and two children.

SLEUTHS FIND MORE SILK.

\$3,300 Worth in Man's Cellar, \$500 Worth Identified as Stolen—Lottery Tickets, Too.

Hyman Fayner, a silk merchant, with offices at 717 Madison avenue, reported to the police of the East 104th street station yesterday that his place had been broken open the day before and a quantity of silk stolen. The thieves got into the store by cutting through the floor from the cellar.

Detectives went down to the East Sixty-seventh street station house, where two silk thieves had been arrested and held the previous day, and it is believed on information furnished by them to the house of Samuel Zaloshetz, at 61 Chestnut street, to look things over.

They found \$3,300 worth of silks in the man's cellar and took him to the station house.

Mr. Fayner was sent for and identified \$500 worth of the goods as belonging to him. The man protested his innocence, declaring that he had purchased the stuff. Several tickets in the German Imperial Lottery were found in his pockets. He was held on charges of receiving stolen goods and having lottery tickets in his possession.

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THE BRIDEGROOM A CRIMINAL.

MARRIAGE OF MISS MARY MOORE OF BROOKLYN ANNULLED.

It Was a Fashionable Affair on New Year's Day in 1901—Admirals Convince Justice Burr That Lewis Luke McGillin Was Then a Fugitive From Justice.

The marriage of Miss Mary Moore, a daughter of Edward E. Moore of 111 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, a member of the New York and New Jersey Transportation Company, to Lewis Luke McGillin, who was solemnized in St. Augustine's Catholic church, in Sixth avenue and Sterling place, on New Year's day, 1901, was annulled yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Joseph A. Burr, sitting in Chambers in Brooklyn.

The marriage was a very fashionable one and attracted much attention, a sensational incident, which occurred a few hours after the ceremony and which resulted in the immediate and permanent separation of the bride and bridegroom, was not revealed until the private hearing in the annulment proceedings before Justice Burr yesterday.

The history of the case as presented by Lawyers Ehrnberg and Manne, counsel for the plaintiff, is as follows. In October, 1900, Miss Moore and Lewis Luke McGillin met for the first time at a social gathering in Manhattan. Miss Moore was then in her twenty-first year, while McGillin was about five or six years older. The person who introduced them to each other represented McGillin as a lawyer with fine prospects and as belonging to a good family in the upper part of the State. McGillin's attentions to Miss Moore became marked from the instant of their acquaintance and he was a frequent visitor at her home in Brooklyn.